

HRES 514

Expressing serious concern regarding the publication of instructions on how to create a synthetic human polio virus, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: House

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 3, 2002
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 29, 2002
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 26, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Expresses serious concern regarding the decision by the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the editors of 'Science Express' to publish a blueprint that could conceivably enable terrorists to inexpensively create human pathogens for release on the people of the United States.

Calls upon the scientific community, including publishers and editors of scientific publications, to establish ethical standards and exercise restraint to ensure that information that may be used by terrorists is not made widely available

Encourages the executive branch to examine all policies relevant to the classification or publication of federally funded research to ensure that information that could be useful in the development of chemical, biological, or nuclear weapons is not made accessible to terrorists or countries of proliferation concern.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 3, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development.
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